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SBA LAUNCHES NEW DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Small Business Administration recently announced the recipients of 30 grants and contracts awarded through the SBA's new Drug-Free Workplace Demonstration Program. The program was developed to help small businesses deal with substance and alcohol abuse in the workplace.

The initiative will distribute \$4 million to intermediaries, such as drug-testing firms and employee-assistance programs, and SBA Small Business Development Centers to help small businesses implement drug-free workplace programs. The funding will be used to provide information and assistance to small business owners on establishing such programs. The program will also provide financial and technical assistance to small businesses that set up their own drug-free workplace programs.

Complete drug-free workplace programs consist of:

- a written policy;
- drug and alcohol abuse prevention training;
- establishing a drug testing program;
- an employee assistance program; and
- a continuing education program.

"As we started to put this program together, we learned that many small businesses have limited knowledge of drug-free workplace programs and limited resources to implement such programs. Unlike large businesses, most small businesses do not have a full-time human resources person or even a human resources office to handle such matters," Administrator Alvarez said.

"Substance abuse is not just a large business issue; it affects small businesses too," she continued. "Employees at any sized business who use illegal drugs and abuse prescription drugs and alcohol increase costs for businesses and risk the health and safety of all employees."

Congress established the Drug-Free Workplace Demonstration Program last year with passage of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1998. The SBA developed the program in conjunction with the

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the Department of Labor.

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Recipients of the drug-free workplace grants include:

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(520) 295-5962

Palm Bay, FL 32905
Contact: Joe Reilly
(407) 728-2941

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Bay Health Systems
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Bay City, MI 48708
Contact: Scott Gilman
(517) 895-4681

Lowell Medical Center
Unity Health of Arkansas
325 South 6th Place
Lowell, AR 72745
Contact: Jeff Spencer
(501) 770-1162

Centura Health - Profile EAP
1633 Medical Center Point, Suite 253
Colorado Springs, CO 80907
Contact: Gene Henderson
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National Safety Alliance
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Nashville, TN 37217
Contact: Mac Allen
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Council on Alcoholism
& Drug Abuse of Northwest Louisiana
200 Fairfield Ave.
Shreveport, LA 71104
Contact: Dan Talley
(318) 222-8511

Occupational Safety Systems, Inc.
4838 Holly Road, Suite 207
Corpus Christi, TX 78411
Contact: Pedro Guajardo
(361)980-8640

Drug-Free America Foundation
P.O. Box 11298
St. Petersburg, FL 33733-1298
Contact: Calvina Fay
(727) 893-2616

Presbyterian Employee Assistance Program
225 Hawthorne Lane, Suite 404
Charlotte, NC 28204
Contact: Miriam Bundy
(704) 384-7475

Drugs Don't Work
30 Arbor St.
Hartford, CT 06106
Contact: Susan Patrick
(860) 523-8042 ext. 30

River Region Human Services
6660 Part Street
Jacksonville, FL 32204
Contact: Cathy Calhoun
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Drugs Don't Work in Arizona
3010 N. 2nd St., Suite 301
Phoenix, AZ 85012
Contact: Susan Jones
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Straub Clinic & Hospital, Inc.
Employee Assistance Program
888 S. King St.
Honolulu, HI 96813
Contact: Carey Brown
(808) 522-2474

Florida Drug Screening, Inc.
1900 Palm Bay Rd., NE, Suite D

Team Fort Collins

1400 Remington
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Fort Collins, CO 80524
Contact: Marcy McNeal
(970) 224-9931

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Drug-free workplace contracts were awarded to:

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Arizona SBDC
Maricopa County Community College
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Mike York, State Director – 480/731-8720

Georgia SBDC
University of Georgia
Chicopee Complex
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Athens, GA 30602
Hank Logan, State Director – 706/542-6762

Illinois SBDC
Department of Commerce & Community Affairs
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Springfield, IL 62701
Mark Petrilli, State Director – 217/524-5856

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University of Maryland
7100 Baltimore Ave., Suite 401
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North Texas SBDC (Dallas)
Dallas County Community College
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Robert Hamlin, State Director – 401/232-6111

South Dakota SBDC
University of South Dakota
School of Business
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University of Wisconsin
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